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Army Medicine Family,

CSM Hough and I want to congratulate Dr. Valerie Adams of the Army Public Health Center's Toxicology Directorate's Health Effects Division. She has been selected as a recipient of the Society of Toxicology Communications Training Award which provides the recipient with training conducted by the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science. Congratulations, Dr. Adams, and thanks for all you do for our Soldiers.

This week, CSM Hough and I visited the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in the National Capital area. We had an informal discussion with the troops addressing issues of concern to them and held a town hall-style recognition ceremony where we were able to recognize some deserving staff. The staff at WRAIR is among the best at world-class research in infectious diseases which helps protect our Soldiers and keep them safe; I thank every Soldier, civilian, and contractor at WRAIR for making our world healthier and safer.

Many thanks to the nearly 300 of you who joined CSM Hough and I for our virtual town hall earlier this week. We look forward to these opportunities to hear from you and address your concerns. Also, please join the Deputy Commanding General for Support BG Paula Lodi for an in-person and virtual Town Hall on Wednesday, May 18, at 1-2 p.m. (CDT).

National Nurses Week is May 6-12, where we honor and celebrate the expertise of our military nurses. They are on the front lines of Army Medicine every day. I thank our nurses for all they do.

Commander Highlights

This week we meet COL Michael J. Tarpey, the commander of the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory (USAARL), where he has been just short of a year.

"As a commander of the USAARL, I'm privileged to lead a team of scientists who conduct state-of-the-art research which directly improves the protection and performance of Army aviators, Airborne Soldiers, and ground warriors," said COL Tarpey.



He has also commanded the Tuttle Army Clinic on Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Georgia. "I've been privileged to command at both the O-5 and O-6 level," he said. "In both cases I opted in because there is no better way to impact an organization and its Soldiers and people in a positive way than as a commander."

COL Tarpey entered the Army as a combat medic. He made it to non-commissioned officer but he really wanted to be a doctor and at that time, the Army didn't have programs to enable enlisted Soldiers to go into medical that exist today. He attended medical school to be a family physician but returned when he started to miss the Army.

He has deployed seven times. "Those deployments and my service alongside the troops formed the foundation of how I think," he said. "Those experiences formed my thoughts on taking care of Soldiers and the importance of Soldiers meeting the standards."



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COL Tarpey said that he's been privileged to work for great commanders and has had the opportunity to see what an important impact they can have on a unit's ability to accomplish its mission. "Commanders have tremendous influence over the organizations they lead and as such an ability to directly impact the lives of Soldiers."

COL Tarpey is from Indiana. He has been married for 11 years, and they have three children. He said, "Being a commander is a significant emotional and time commitment. Our Families also serve. We ask so much of them. It's not a 9-5 job. But the potential benefits are huge. I'm blessed that my family accepts this life. I would tell all candidates that if your family accepts it, opt-in!"

Thank you, COL Tarpey, for all you do!

Army Medicine is Army Strong! Stay Safe out there!

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